

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 through 17 (Cancelled).

Claim 18 (Currently amended): ~~The hair roller of claim 17, A hair roller for curling hair comprising:~~

a body having a diameter, a height and an outer surface for winding the hair desired to be curled around said outer surface;

a flocking being connected to said outer surface;

an adhesive being around said outer surface of said body, said adhesive connecting said flocking to the hair roller;

a ceramic being in said flocking for transferring heat to assist in the curling of the hair, wherein said ceramic is in a ceramic based paint, said ceramic based paint being coated to said outer surface, and wherein said ceramic based paint has a titanium dioxide therein.

Claims 19 through 22 (Cancelled).

Claim 23 (Currently amended): A hair roller for curling hair comprising:

a body having a diameter, a height and an outer surface for winding the hair desired to be curled around said outer surface;

a flocking being connected to said outer surface;

an adhesive being around said outer surface of said body, said adhesive connecting said flocking to the hair roller;

a ceramic being in said flocking for transferring heat to assist in the curling of the hair, The hair roller of claim 16, wherein said ceramic is in a ceramic based paint on said outer surface, said ceramic based paint having a plurality of ceramic particles disposed therein, said ceramic based paint having titanium dioxide disposed therein.

Claim 24 (Cancelled).

Claim 25 (Original): A hair roller for curling hair comprising:

a cylindrical roller body having a diameter, a height, an outer winding surface, a first end, and a second end, said first end and said second end each having an end cap made from a thermally nonconductive material, said outer winding surface for winding the hair desired to be curled around said outer winding surface;

a comb having one or more teeth, said comb being connected to said outer winding surface;

a flocking being substantially around said outer winding surface, said flocking having a plurality of protrusions, said plurality of protrusions providing a texture to the hair being curled around said flocking; and

a paint being coated to said outer winding surface, said paint having a ground ceramic powder and a titanium dioxide therein, said ground ceramic powder for retaining heat to assist in the curling of the hair disposed around said outer winding surface, wherein said paint has a texture selected from the group consisting of a hard enamel texture, a rubberized texture, and any combination thereof.

Claim 26 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein said ceramic is selected from the group consisting of a ceramic material, a plurality of ceramic particles, a ceramic powder, a ground ceramic, a pulverized ceramic, a plurality of finely dispersed solid ceramic particles, an adhesive having ceramic particles, and any combinations thereof.

Claim 27 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein said body has a first flanged end, and wherein said body has a second flanged end.

Claim 28 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein said body is made from a solid ceramic material.

Claim 29 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein said body has a first end and a second end each being made from a thermally nonconductive material.

Claim 30 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein said body is generally cylindrical in shape, and wherein said ceramic substantially covers said outer surface.

Claim 31 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein said flocking is a raised pattern on said outer surface, said flocking having said ceramic being a plurality of ceramic particles and, said flocking comprising a plurality of nylon fibers therein.

Claim 32 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein said ceramic retains and radiates thermal energy at a predetermined wavelength to assist in styling of the hair.

Claim 33 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein said ceramic based paint is brushed on only a portion of said outer surface.

Claim 34 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein said ceramic based paint is enamel paint.

Claim 35 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein said ceramic based paint has a rubberized texture.

Claim 36 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein said ceramic in said ceramic based paint is about one percent to about fifty percent of a total weight of said ceramic based paint.

Claim 37 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein said ceramic has a particle size such that said outer surface has a minimal surface roughness and grips hair wound on said outer surface.

Claim 38 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein the hair roller having the ceramic in said ceramic based paint is removably stored in a cassette, said cassette having a lid, said cassette having a heater therein for imparting heat to the hair roller.

Claim 39 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein said body is non-cylindrical.

Claim 40 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein said flocking is applied to only a portion of said outer surface.

Claim 41 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein said flocking is connected to said hair roller by a fastener.

Claim 42 (New): The hair roller of claim 18, wherein said ceramic is spaced from said flocking by a spacing arrangement, said spacing arrangement being selected from the group consisting of proximal to said flocking, adjacent said flocking, on a top of said flocking, on a bottom of said flocking, near said flocking, suspended in said flocking, not in said flocking, and any combinations thereof.